Drinking water in primary schools in NE

1504. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds released by UNICEF for providing drinking water to primary schools in the North-East States, State-wise; and

(b) the amount of funds released by the Central Government **for** providing drinking water *to* schools in the Nort-East States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) UNICEF has not released any funds to the North East States for providing drinking water in primary shcools.

(b) The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes, including water supply to rural schools. Information regarding ARWSP funds released to the NE States during 2000-2001 for coverage of rural habitations and rural schools with drinking water facilities, is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Amount released
Arunachal Pradesh	1746.00
Assam	2949.00
Manipur	0.00
Meghalaya	686.50
Mizoram	490.50
Nagaland	0.00
Tripura	608.00
Sikkim	325.00